3(3C) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, but no revision in the levy sugar prices already fixed for the production of the current season, 1983-84, is contemplated at present.

Production of Vanaspati

2638. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of vanaspati produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is its production target for the current year;

(c) whether it is likely to be achieved;

(d) whether any shortfall in its production is anticipated; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what measures are contemplated for an increase in its production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The quantity of vanaspati produced in the country during the last three oil years (October to November) was as under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

Oil	Production of Vanaspati
1980-81 . . .	8.27
1981-82 . .	9.03
1982-83 . . .	8.93

(b) to (d) The production target of vanaspati, which is likely to be achieved during the current oil year, is around 9 lakh tonnes.

(e) The measures undertaken by the Government for an increase in production of vanaspati are enumerated as under:—

(i) Increase in commercial rate allocation upto 35 per cent from August, 1984, onwards.

(ii) Increased allocation of imported oil to units having idle capacity and low production.

(iii) Allotment of imported oil upto two weeks' requirements of each unit as reserve stock for use in case of temporary disruption of supplies of imported oil.

(iv) State Trading Corporation has been advised to plan for imports and movement of imported oil continuously at regular intervals in order to have a comfortable stock position at the State Trading Corporation's depots throughout the country.

(v) The lifting of imported oil by the vanaspati units is closely monitored.

(vi) State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to exempt vanaspati industry from the purview of power cut/load shedding etc.

General Manager for Railway Electrification Headquarters, Allahabad

2639. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great discontentment among the Railway staff at Allahabad because a General Manager has not been posted at the Railway Electrification Headquarters, Allahabad;

(b) what are the reasons for not making the posting so far; and

(c) by when a General Manager is likely to be posted there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (c) The general representation from Railway Staff at Allahabad was with regard to the earlier proposal to shift the Headquarters of Railway Electrification from Allahabad. It has since been decided that the Headquarters of the Railway Electrification will be retained at Allahabad, thus satisfying the demand.

There is no post of General Manager, Railway Electrification nor presently adequate justification thereof exists. The question of making appointment to this post does not arise.